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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND

The General Fund ended the year in a stable position. A final available ending fund balance of \$153.4 million was realized, as reflected in the following table:

GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 (\$000s)

	Revised Budget	Budgetary Basis Actual	Variance
Sources			
Beginning Fund Balance* Liquidation of	183,372	183,372	-
Carryover Encumbrances	671	2,396	1,725
Subtotal	184,043	185,768	1,725
Revenue	648,750	648,862	112
Total Sources	832,793	834,630	1,837
Uses			
Personal Services	489,453	485,475	3,978
Non-Personal/Equipment/Other	88,117	84,790	3,327
City-Wide Expenses	117,052	86,528	30,524
Capital Contributions	30,753	17,824	12,929
Transfers	6,639	6,559	80
Reserves	100,779		100,779
Total Uses	832,793	681,176	151,617
Available Ending Fund Balance		153,454	153,454

^{*} Includes an Encumbrance Balance of \$23.8 million

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND (CONT'D.)

The actual ending fund balance of \$153.4 million exceeded the estimated ending fund balance level by approximately \$23.3 million. The elements of that variance are illustrated in the following comparison of estimate to actual chart. The estimated fund balance column represents the projections used to formulate the Beginning Fund Balance amount, included as a source of funding in the 2004-2005 Adopted Budget.

2003-2004 GENERAL FUND ENDING FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS (\$000s)

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	Estimate	Budgetary Basis Actual	Variance
Sources			
Beginning Fund Balance* Liquidation of	183,372	183,372	-
Carryover Encumbrances	1,871	2,396	525
Subtotal	185,243	185,768	525
Revenue	649,837	648,862	(975)
Total Sources	835,080	834,630	(450)
Uses			
Expenditures	698,642	674,617	24,025
Transfers	6,639	6,559	80
Reserves	(305)	-	(305)
Total Uses	704,976	681,176	23,800
Available Ending Fund Balance		153,454	23,350

^{*} Includes an Encumbrance Balance of \$23.8 million

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND (CONT'D.)

The actual 2003-2004 liquidation of carryover encumbrance amount was \$2.4 million and reflects encumbered appropriations liquidated by the Finance Department during the period between the release of audited 2002-2003 financial statements and the end of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Liquidation of prior year encumbrances results in a reduction in the obligations against the fund balance. These funds then become available for reappropriation. The estimate to actual variance of \$525,000 represents carryover encumbrance liquidations that occurred at a higher level than originally anticipated when formulating the fund balance estimate.

A detailed analysis of the significant variances between estimates and actuals for revenues, expenditures, transfers and reserves is provided in the following section.